(c) to (e) The conditions and restrictions imposed are only to protect the spirit of the policy that the vessels should be Indian owned and the country's interest should be protected. No conditions or restrictions are imposed which make it impossible for such ventures to succeed.

Permission to import deep sea fishing vessels on deferred payment basis, allowing a liberal percentage of foreign crew on board these vessels, extending the facility of fuel at international rate through mid-sea bunkering, facilitating mid-sea transshipment of catch are some of the pro-active steps taken by the Government to promote this sector.

Making KVK system contemporary

*149. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make Krishi Vigyan Kendra system contemporary;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had set up Agriculture Technology Management Agencies in several districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Government has taken the following steps for making the KVK system contemporary:-

Providing a multidisciplinary team of subject matter specialists, infrastructural facilities, and instructional farm to facilitate 'Teaching by doing' and 'learning by doing'.

Provision of electronic connectivity to 200 KVKs during X Plan for availability of technology information to the farmers.

Providing Soil and Water Testing facilities to 326 KVKs during X Plan.

(c) The Government has approved for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' through establishment of Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) in 252 districts by the State Governments during X Plan.

(d) The State Governments have set up ATMAs in 203 districts. The State-wise details of number of ATMAs are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Statewise Details Of Number Of Atma Districts

Sl. No.	States	No. of ATMA districts
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	6
4.	Assam	12
5.	Bihar	4
6.	Goa	1
7.	Gujarat	8
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	7
10.	Jharkhand	8
11.	Karnataka	9
12.	Madhya Pradesh	15
13.	Maharashtra	16
14.	Manipur	4
15.	Mizoram	4
16.	Nagaland	3
17.	Orissa	13
18.	Punjab	8
19.	Rajasthan	11
20.	Sikkim	2
21.	Tamil Nadu	8
22.	Uttar pradesh	32
23.	Uttaranchal	8
24.	West Bengal	6
	TOTAL	203